

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 2-4 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 2002-298402 ("Nakamura").

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakamura in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0016597 to Haruguchi et al.

Claims 5 and 6 stand allowed.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicants have canceled claims 1-4 and 7 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 5 and 6 stand allowed.

The Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 2-4 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 2002-298402 ("Nakamura"). Applicants have canceled claims 2-4 and 7 without prejudice or disclaimer, therefore the rejection is moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 2-4 and 7 should be withdrawn.

The Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakamura in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0016597 to Haruguchi et al. Applicants have canceled claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer, therefore the rejection is moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claim 1 should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

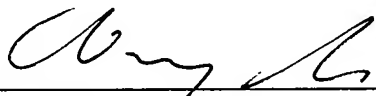
In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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